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Meal Patterns

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Breakfast Meal Pattern

Select All three Components for a Reimbursable Meal

1 milk	1 cup	fluid milk
1 fruit/vegetable	1/2 cup	juice, ¹ and/or vegetable
1 grains/bread ²	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup 1/2 cup 1/2 cup	bread or cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin or cold dry cereal or hot cooked cereal or pasta or noodles or grains

1 Fruit or vegetable juice must be full-strength.

2 Breads and grains must be made from whole-grain or enriched meal or flour. Cereal must be whole-grain or enriched or fortified.

Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern

Select All Four Components for a Reimbursable Meal

1 milk	1 cup	fluid milk
2 fruits/vegetables	3/4 cup	juice, ¹ fruit and/or vegetable
1 grains/bread ²	1 slice 1 serving 1/2 cup 1/2 cup	bread or cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin or hot cooked cereal or pasta or noodles or grains
1 meat/meat alternate	2 oz. 2 oz. 2 oz. 1 large 1/2 cup 4 Tbsp. 1 oz. 8 oz.	lean meat or poultry or fish ³ or alternate protein product or cheese or egg or cooked dry beans or peas or peanut or other nut or seed butter or nuts and/or seeds ⁴ or yogurt ⁵

¹ Fruit or vegetable juice must be full-strength. Full strength vegetable or fruit juice may be counted to meet not more than one-half of this requirement.

² Breads and grains must be made from whole-grain or enriched meal or flour. Cereal must be whole-grain or enriched or fortified.

³ A serving consists of the edible portion of cooked lean meat or poultry or fish.

⁴ Nuts and seeds may meet only one-half of the total meat/meat alternate serving and must be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the lunch or supper requirement.

⁵ Yogurt may be plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened.

Snack (Supplement) Meal Pattern

Select Two of the Four Components for a Reimbursable Snack

1 milk	1 cup	>fluid milk
¹ fruit/vegetable	3/4 cup	juice, ¹ fruit and/or vegetable
1 grains/bread ²	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup 1/2 cup 1/2 cup	bread or cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin or cold dry cereal or hot cooked cereal or pasta or noodles or grains
1 meat/meat alternate	1 oz. 1 oz. 1 oz. 1/2 large 1/4 cup 2 Tbsp. 1 oz. 4 oz.	lean meat or poultry or fish ³ or alternate protein product or cheese or egg or cooked dry beans or peas or peanut or other nut or seed butter or nuts and/or seeds or yogurt ⁴

¹ Fruit or vegetable juice must be full-strength. Juice cannot be served when milk is the only other snack component.

² Breads and grains must be made from whole-grain or enriched meal or flour. Cereal must be whole-grain or enriched or fortified.

³ A serving consists of the edible portion of cooked lean meat or poultry or fish.

⁴ Yogurt may be plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened.

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